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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

GRADY HARRIS,

 Plaintiff,

 v.

J. MUNOZ, *et al.*,

 Defendants.

Case No. 2:16-cv-00830-TLN-DB (PC)

ORDER (1) SETTING SETTLEMENT
CONFERENCE, (2) REQUIRING PERSONAL
ATTENDANCE BY CERTAIN
INDIVIDUALS, AND (3) REQUIRING
SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE
STATEMENT MEETING CERTAIN
PARAMETERS

Magistrate Judge Jeremy D. Peterson will hold a settlement conference by Zoom on February 29, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. Counsel for the defendant(s) is directed to contact Courtroom Deputy Nic Cannarozzi via email at ncannarozzi@caed.uscourts.gov one week prior to the scheduled settlement conference to report on the institution’s ability to produce the inmate for a remote appearance. The court expects that the parties will proceed with the settlement conference in good faith and attempt to resolve all or part of the case. If any party believes that the settlement conference will not be productive, that party shall so inform the court as far in advance of the settlement conference as possible. Unless otherwise permitted in advance by the court, the following individuals must attend the settlement conference: (1) all of the attorney(s) who will try the case; and (2) individuals with full authority to negotiate and settle the case, on any terms.

No later than one week prior to the settlement conference, each party must submit to Judge Peterson’s chambers at jdorders@caed.uscourts.gov, or by mail at U.S. District Court,

1 501 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, a confidential settlement conference statement. These
2 statements should neither be filed on the docket nor served on any other party. The statements
3 should be marked “CONFIDENTIAL” and should state the date and time of the conference. The
4 statements should not be lengthy but should include:

5 (1) a brief recitation of the facts;

6 (2) a discussion of the strengths and weaknesses of the case;

7 (3) an itemized estimate of the expected costs for further discovery, pretrial, and trial
8 matters, in specific dollar terms;

9 (4) your best estimate of the probability that plaintiff will obtain a finding of liability
10 should this case proceed to trial, in percentage terms;

11 (5) should this case proceed to trial and defendant be found liable, please provide the
12 following, in specific dollar terms:

13 (a) a realistic high-end recovery estimate (*i.e.*, realistic best- or worst-case
14 scenario);

15 (b) a realistic low-end recovery estimate (*i.e.*, realistic worst- or best-case
16 scenario); and

17 (c) a best estimate of the most likely outcome;

18 (6) a history of settlement discussions, including:

19 (a) a statement of your expectations for settlement discussions;

20 (b) a listing of any past and present settlement offers from any party (including all
21 terms);

22 (c) whether your party would consider making the opening offer or demand, and
23 what that offer might be¹;

24 (7) a list of the individuals who will be participating in the settlement conference on your
25 party’s behalf, including each participant’s name and, if appropriate, title;

26 (8) plaintiff’s anticipated release date;

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28 ¹ Please note that Judge Peterson will consider this response, among others, in evaluating
whether proceeding with a settlement conference appears worthwhile.

1 (9) an estimate of restitution and fees, including court fees and filing fees, owed by
2 plaintiff; and

3 (10) identification of any related cases or of any other cases that the parties might wish to
4 discuss at this settlement conference.

5 (11) Judge Peterson or another representative from the court will be contacting the parties
6 either by telephone or in person, approximately two weeks prior to the settlement conference, to
7 ascertain each party's expectations of the settlement conference.

8 In accordance with the above, it is hereby ORDERED that:

9 1. A settlement conference is set before Magistrate Judge Peterson on February 29, 2024,
10 at 1:30 p.m.

11 2. No later than February 22, 2024, each party must submit a confidential settlement
12 conference statement, as described above, to Magistrate Judge Peterson.

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15 Dated: December 11, 2023



JEREMY D. PETERSON
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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